

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 have been canceled. New claims 12-31 have been added. Thus, claims 12-31 are presented for examination. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments.

The amendments are not made for purposes of patentability.

A substitute specification incorporating the changes in this preliminary amendment is provided with this application. No new matter has been added by way of the substitute specification.

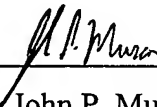
Conclusion

The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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